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THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL FIELD DAY

This year's Field Day of Draper Corporation employes was favored by the weather man. Saturday, August 11, was a clear midsummer day, hot enough for good efforts by the athletes and with a fresh breeze after midday that kept both spectators and contestants in fine fettle for a keen enjoyment of the program the committee had provided.

The feature parade of the "night before" was postponed to the following Wednesday because of the funeral of President Harding, but the outdoor movie was given as originally planned. The play, "Robin Hood" with Douglas Fairbanks in the title role, was witnessed by a capacity crowd on the green in the rear of the office building and by hundreds in automobiles parked in the surrounding streets. The entertainment was provided free by Hopedale Community House, Inc.

The program of sports on Saturday, which started at 8.30 A. M. and ended with the ball game in the late afternoon, was similar to previous years, but with a few novelties added for variety.

The program was about equally divided between events open to trained athletes and those where children and grown-ups might compete without having undergone any special training.

The regular athletic contests brought out several good performers, and the many prizes and cups for points were won only after keen rivalry.

The more novel contests, open to a wider circle of entrants—many of them for the smaller boys and girls—afforded even more excitement and amusement. Our camera man paid more attention this year to these events, and some of the pictures he caught are quite interesting. One shown on the back page is a real character study.

The day closed with the most attractive and enjoyable outdoor dancing party yet held. The brightly illuminated street along the west side of the park, the orderly crowd of gaily dressed dancers, excellent music by Narducci and Marsh and a perfect August night combined to make the event one long to be remembered by all who participated or watched from neighboring houses and automobiles.

The postponed parade was the same attractive feature it has been for many years. The ingenious and artistic characterizations by the children rather outdid efforts of past years. Our pictures bear testimony to this, but fall short of the truth because of our inability to reproduce the artistic color effects secured by the participants. The older boys and men largely turned their skill to producing the grotesque and featured the "horribles" division.

It is the ambition of each annual committee to have our Field Day a genuine community get-together and all-day picnic. During the past few years this ambition has brought an increasing degree of success. The variety of the program of sports has afforded enjoyment to both participants and spectators; and the outdoor movies, feature parade and block dancing are real community successes in which all have a part. The committee and Field Day officers are to be congratulated on their successful efforts.

THREE BOYS' RAIL RACE — NEW WAY TO RIDE RAIL
RULE: KEEP BOTH HANDS ON THE RAIL NOT ALWAYS OBSERVED

HUMAN WHEELBARROWS

SACK RACE

INFANTS' RACE
UNDER 5 YEARS

RAINBOW GIRLS FROM THE SHOP OFFICE

KU KLUX AND SPARK PLUG WERE PRESENT

FIND THREE "BUNNIES" WHO TOOK A PRIZE

LINE UP FOR FREE ICE CREAM CONES

SOME OF THE FUN MAKERS

MORE SPORT THAN SNOW SHOES

ICE CREAM EATING CONTEST

A JUMP THAT FAILED

WHERE
REAL ATHLETIC
PROWESS
COUNTED

THE RELAY RACE

STARTING THE HALF MILE

BROAD JUMP

THE MILE RUN

THE BANANA CART WITH "NO BANANAS TODAY"

SOME WERE "HORRIBLES"

A FEW PARTICIPANTS IN THE PARADE

AND SOME WERE PRETTY AND CUTE

AN EXCITING START

THE BOY WHO APPEARS TO BE GETTING THE WORST OF A FREE USE OF ARMS & FOOTBALL TACTICS WON THE BOYS' HALF MILE